



For Immediate Release

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Re: Utah County Attorneys Bureau of Investigations Seeks Public's Help to Identify Additional Victims of Nate Holzapfel

Subject: Nathanael Holzapfel

CASE NO: 211401564

Charges filed: Communications fraud – 2nd Degree Felony – 3 counts

The Utah County Attorneys Office (UCAO) Bureau of Investigations conducted an investigation that resulted in the arrest of Nathaniel Holzapfel.

Utah County Attorney David Leavitt explains, "Our office and its investigators are focused on crime that hurts people. Clearly, financial crimes such as this are life-altering events for the victims. We have excellent investigators who took a case that was easily dismissed by some as a civil matter and brought it to an arrest and charges because the evidence supported it. Victims deserve no less."

The evidence supporting the crime was screened by the UCAO Screening Team and charges were filed. The UCAO Bureau of Investigations then sought a warrant and later arrested Mr. Holzapfel.

Holzapfel is accused of three counts of communications fraud, each of them a 2nd-degree felony. Charges stem from: on or between February 1, 2020 and November 18, 2020, in Utah County, Defendant engaged in a scheme and course of deception to defraud a vulnerable female Victim that resulted in Defendant taking approximately \$196,773.14 from Victim.

Holzapfel was booked into the Utah County Jail on three counts of communications fraud—a second-degree felony with \$20,000 bail. The defendant bailed out within 90 minutes.

David Leavitt, Utah County Attorney said, “A person is walking free today because he was wealthy enough to post cash bail. It demonstrates at its heart what is wrong with Utah’s cash bail system. It doesn’t protect society. It protects the wealthy.”

“We are expanding our investigation and asking that victims contact our office,” said UCAO Bureau Chief, Patty Johnston. “Victims have already come forward from this investigation and we are seeking the media’s help to raise awareness. “

Sgt. Cole Christensen, UCAO Bureau of Investigations Lead Investigator stated, “We have additional victims that are coming forward and we believe there are others. Please contact me to assess the evidence to hold this person accountable.” Our office believes that victims may not just be from Utah, but may also be nationwide.

The Utah County Attorneys Office (UCAO) Bureau of Investigations asks to call our office. Their cases will be treated with respect and sensitivity.

Please contact our UCAO Bureau of Investigations at 801-851-8069 or colec@utahcounty.gov.

Persons accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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